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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF BOLIVIAN NATIONAL AT US MEDICAL FACILITY

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1. BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL RENE BERNAL HAS ASKED MY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR THE ADMISSION OF RENE QUIROGA JIMENEZ (AGE 19) IN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AT BETHESDA, MARYLAND. RENE QUIROGA IS THE SON OF GENERAL OSCAR QUIROGA TERAN, SUB-SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. LAST WEEK, YOUNG QUIROGA SUFFERED AN ATTACK FROM WHICH HE HAS NOT YET FULLY RECOVERED, WHICH HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED AS A POSSIBLE BERRY ANEURYSM OF THE CAROTID ARTERY. DR. HUGO PALAZZI, EMBASSY MEDICAL ADVISOR, HAS CERTIFIED THAT YOUNG QUIROGA NEEDS URGENT TREATMENT WHICH CANNOT BE OBTAINED IN BOLIVIA AND HAS ENCOURAGED THE FAMILY TO SEEK TREATMENT IN NIH.

2. GEN. QUIROGA IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY AND ACCORDINGLY FOR COMPELLING FACTORS OF US NATIONAL INTEREST, I RECOMMEND THAT HIS SON BE ADMITTED TO A US MEDICAL FACILITY FOR TREATMENT. GEN QUIROGA HAS BEEN INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MISSION AS COORDINATOR OF BOLIVIA'S NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE OPERATIONS AND FLOOD RELIEF WORK. HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY HELPFUL TO US IN OUR ONGOING UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HIS SON COMES FROM GEN. BERNAL, WHO HAS COOPERATED SINCERELY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH US PERSONNEL AND THEIR PROGRAMS.

3. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION OF YOUNG QUIROGA WITH HIS FATHER AND HAVE LEARNED THAT THE BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CABLED THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO HELP ARRANGE HOSPITAL ADMISSION. FURTHERMORE, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS ALSO SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY AND TO THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY ATTACHE ALONG THE SAME LINES. GEN. QUIROGA WOULD APPRECIATE ADMISSION TO NIH, AS A HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICER, HE WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL IF THE SON COULD BE ADMITTED TO WALTER REED WERE IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR NIH TO ACCOMMODATE HIM. GEN. QUIROGA TOLD ME THAT HE IS TRAVELLING WITH HIS SON AND HIS WIFE MONDAY, JAN. 27 AND EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY, JAN. 28. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BEAR ALL COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT.

4. MAY I REPEAT THAT I STRONGLY RECOMMEND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF RENE QUIROGA TO A US MEDICAL FACILITY AND WILL BE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE IF ARA/BC WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY OUR DECISION ON THE REQUEST.

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